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Peep! Peep! Percy is the small Saddletank Engine who works in the Big Harbour yard on the Island of Sodor. He is a very reliable worker on the Fat Controller's railway but he also likes to tease the other engines. In the story that begins on page 3, Percy is given the ideal opportunity to tease his engine friends when he is told what his special task will be! Peep! Peep!

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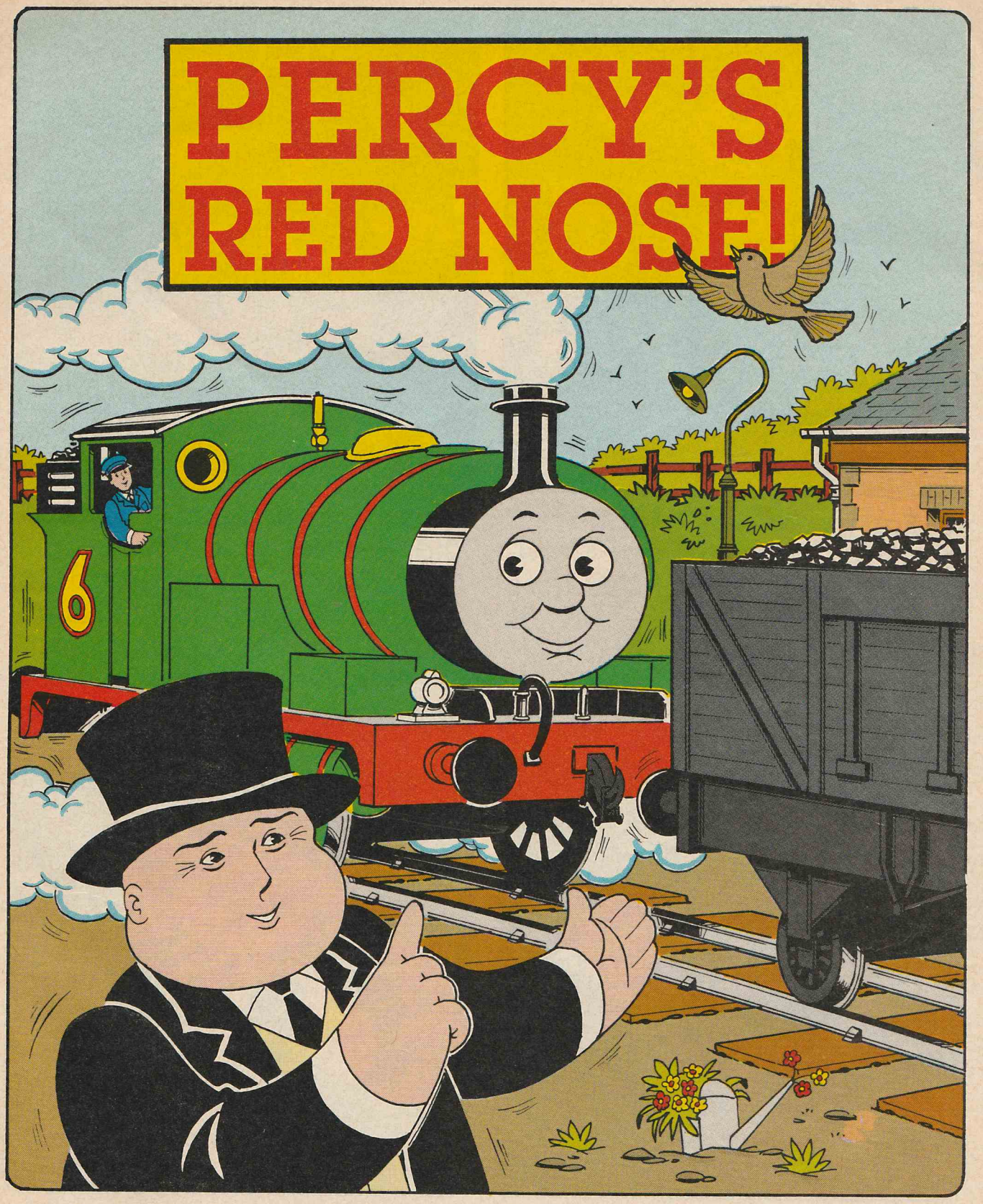
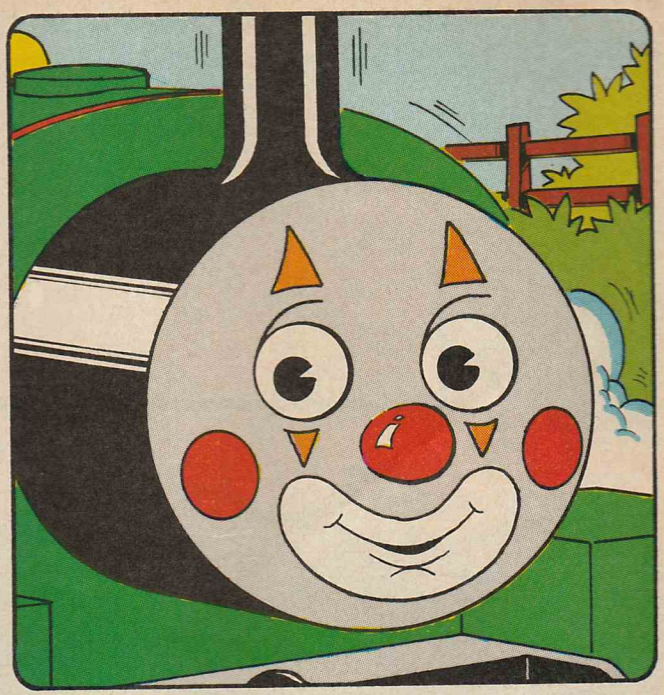


1. One Friday, while the other engines puffed busily up and down the Island of Sodor, Percy was shunting trucks in the Main Station yard.

2. Then the Fat Controller spoke to him. "I have an urgent task for you tomorrow, Percy!" he said. As Percy heard what it was, he became very excited.

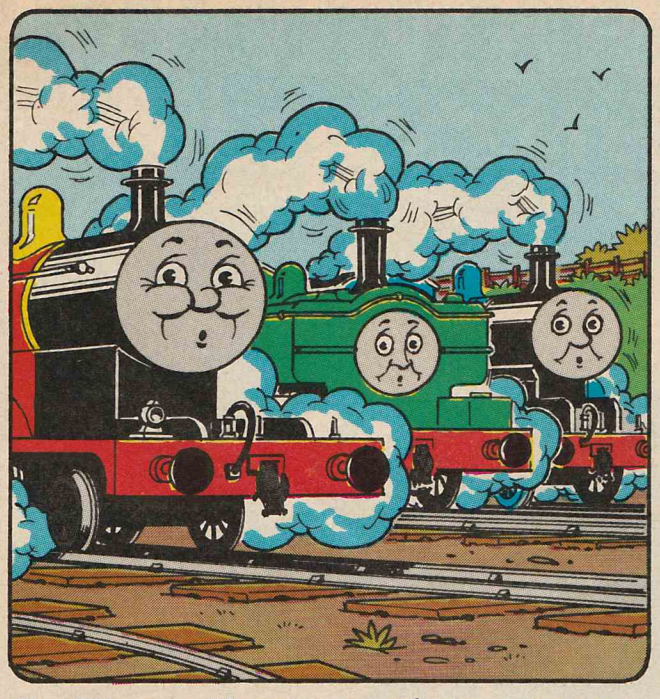
3. Early next day, Percy went to the Maintenance Shed. When he came out, his nose was bright red! "My face has been specially painted!" he told Thomas.



4. "Fire and ashes!" gasped Thomas. "Why do you need a red nose?" Percy liked to tease and would not tell him. "Don't be nosy!" he said cheekily.

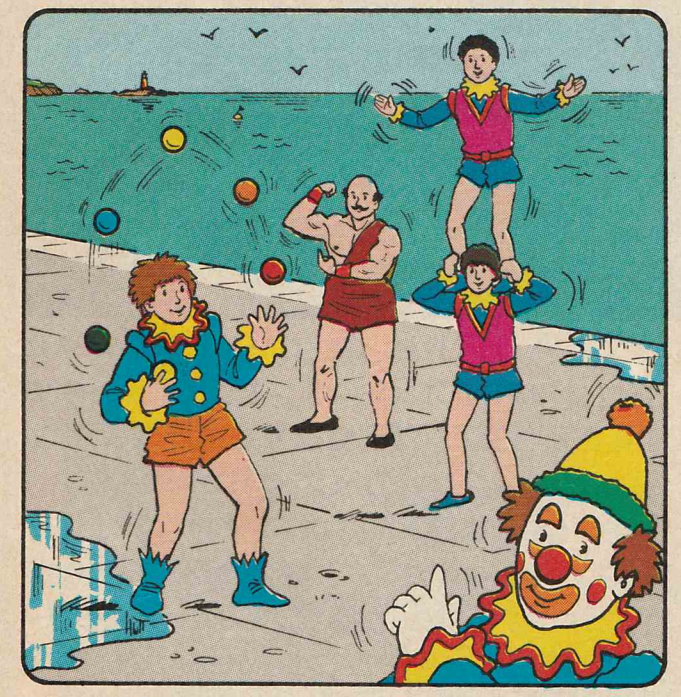
5. First, balloons were tied to Percy's buffers. Next, a string of flags was hung from his funnel. Then Percy was coupled to a truck and a carriage.

6. The Fat Controller came to see Percy's red nose. "You look splendid!" he said. He climbed into the carriage and Percy puffed mysteriously on his way.



7. The other engines were amazed. "Where is he going with that red nose?" said Duck. "A Really Useful Engine should have red paintwork!" sniffed James.

8. Percy steamed eagerly to the station at the Big Harbour. A ferry from the mainland had arrived and some unusual passengers were getting off it.



9. They wore colourful costumes. On the quayside, two of them juggled with some clubs. Another man jumped up and balanced on his friend's shoulders.

10. "They are jugglers and acrobats!" said Percy's driver. The Fat Controller pointed to a smart man wearing a top hat. "He is the Ringmaster!" he said.

11. The Fat Controller went to meet him. "Welcome to the Island of Sodor!" said the Fat Controller. "Percy will take you on a tour of all the towns to invite everyone to your circus!" Percy felt very proud. The circus folk lifted their tent, called a Big Top, off the boat and on to Percy's truck.

12. All the circus clowns had red noses, too. They thought Percy was a grand clown-engine. As he set off, carrying the performers, children pointed to Percy the red-nosed engine and laughed. "Wait till the other engines hear I pulled the Circus Train!" said Percy.

THE END!

In our next issue: The helpful horses!

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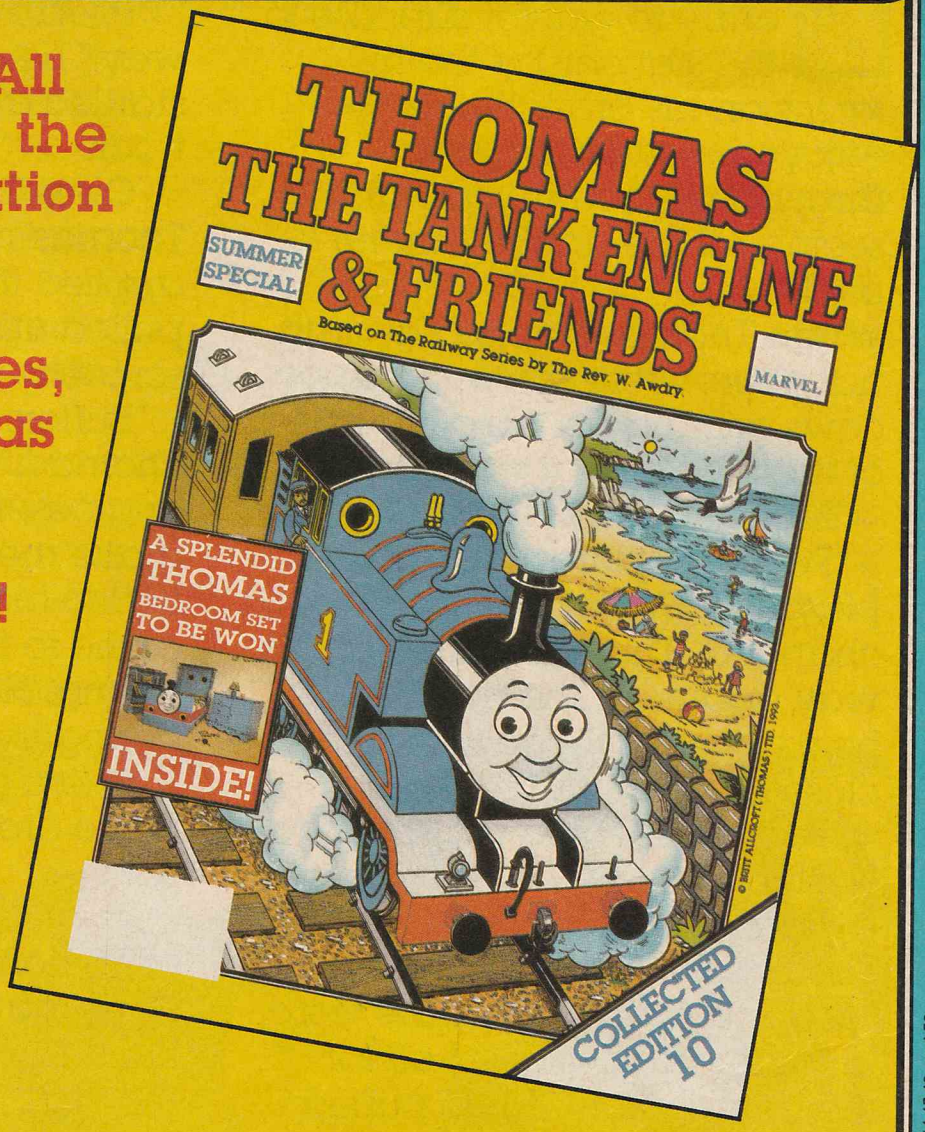

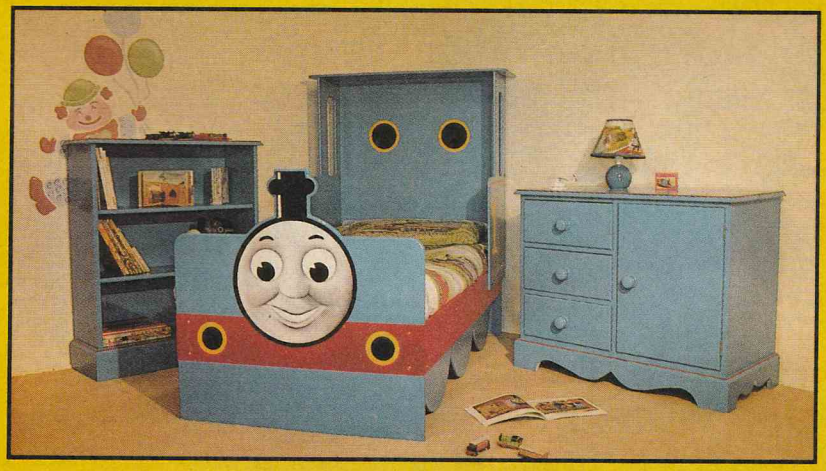

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ANIMAL NOISES!

Thomas was up bright and early to deliver supplies to the stations by the hill farms on his branch line. He enjoyed steaming along through the countryside and seeing all the animals in the fields.

When Thomas stopped at a signal, there were some more cows grazing on the other side of the fence, near the track.

"Moooo!" called the cows.

"Peep! Peep!" replied Thomas playfully. When the signal changed, Thomas puffed on his way again. At the next station, he saw some sheep in a field close by.

"Baaaa!" bleated the sheep to each other.

"Paaap! Paaap!" went Thomas, trying to talk like a sheep. When the supplies were unloaded, Thomas set off for the next station. As he puffed cheerily around a bend in the track, he saw some pigs on the line ahead of him. Thomas was shocked.

"Peep! Peep! Get out of my way!" he called. The pigs were startled and ran down the track.

"Oink! Oink!" they grunted. Thomas's driver urgently applied the brake and Thomas pulled up sharply with a loud screech.

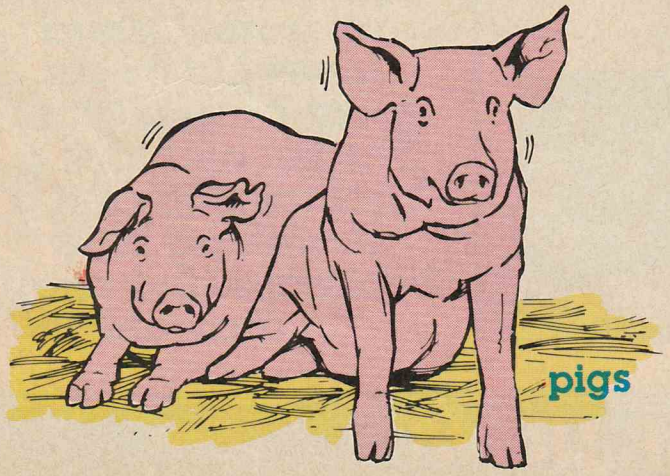
"Buffers and boilers!" hissed Thomas. "Railway lines are for engines, not pigs! They will make me late!" Thomas whistled to alert the farmer, who came to find out what was wrong. He saw his pigs wandering by the track.

"There must be a hole in the fence around their field!" he said.

Thomas's driver and fireman climbed down from the cab to help round up the pigs. Whenever they neared a pig, it dashed past them! The pigs were too fast to be caught!

The farmer had an idea. He returned to the farm and fetched a sack of potatoes. He tipped them into the pigs' trough and clattered it about so the pigs would hear.

The clever pigs were used to the sound. They knew it meant they were going to be fed.



pigs

They trotted back to the fence. Where it was overgrown, the pigs pushed through the broken fence and hurried to the trough.

"So that's how they escaped!" said Thomas's driver.

"Pigs root about. They must have loosened the fence and made that hole!" said the farmer. "I will mend the fence straight away!"

Thomas's driver and fireman climbed back into the cab.

Thomas was about to hurry on his way again when he heard a mysterious squealing sound. He called to his driver.

"There is a strange noise coming from my trucks!" said Thomas. He wondered what it could be. Thomas's driver investigated. He peered under one of Thomas's trucks and saw a baby pig. It squealed loudly again as the driver carefully picked it up.

The farmer heard the noise and came to take the piglet back to its mother.

"Well done, Thomas!" said his driver. "That piglet was lost and could not find its way back under the fence!"

"I've learned a new animal noise today!" chuckled Thomas. "That piglet squealed almost as loudly as my brakes do when I stop quickly!"

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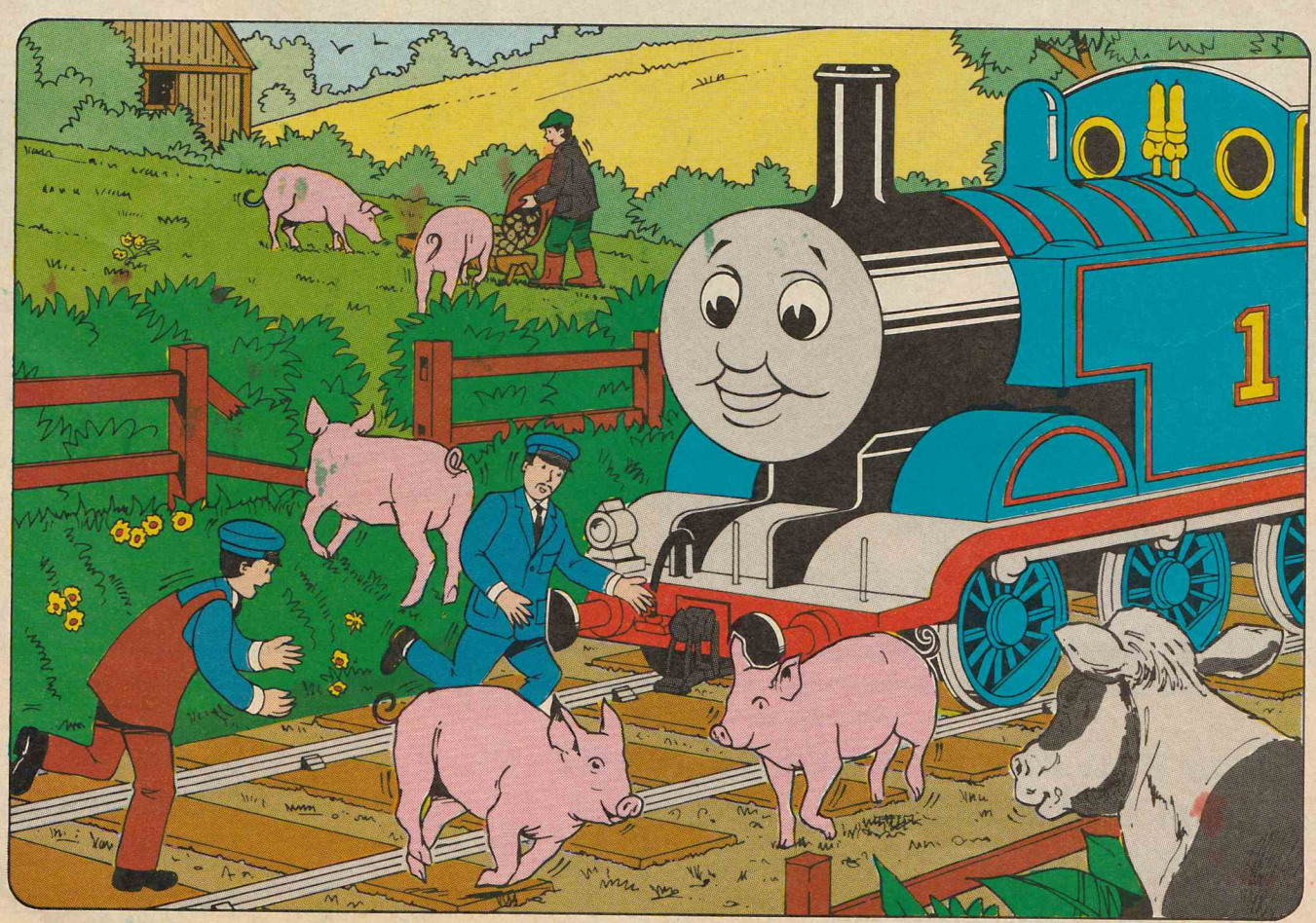

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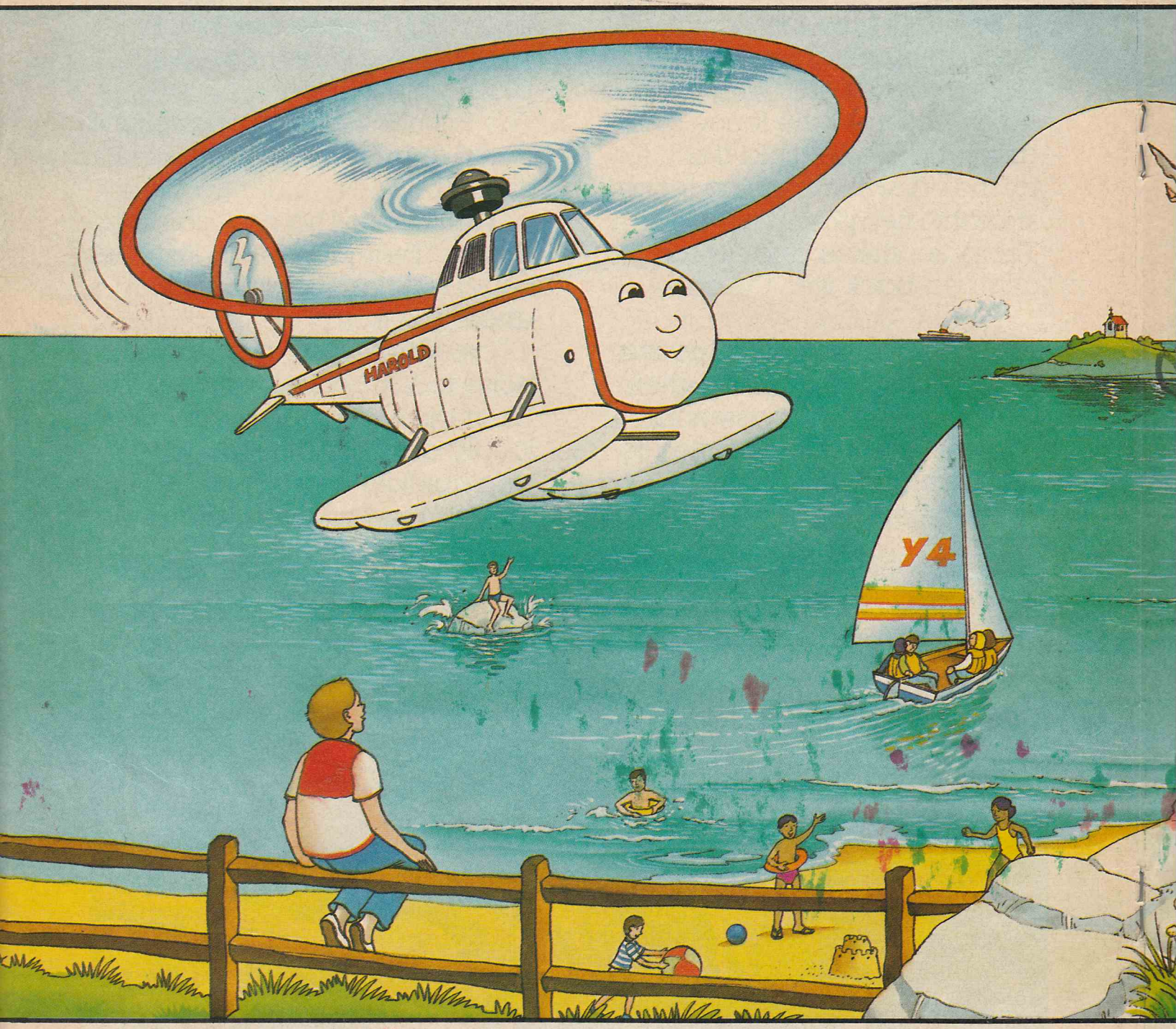

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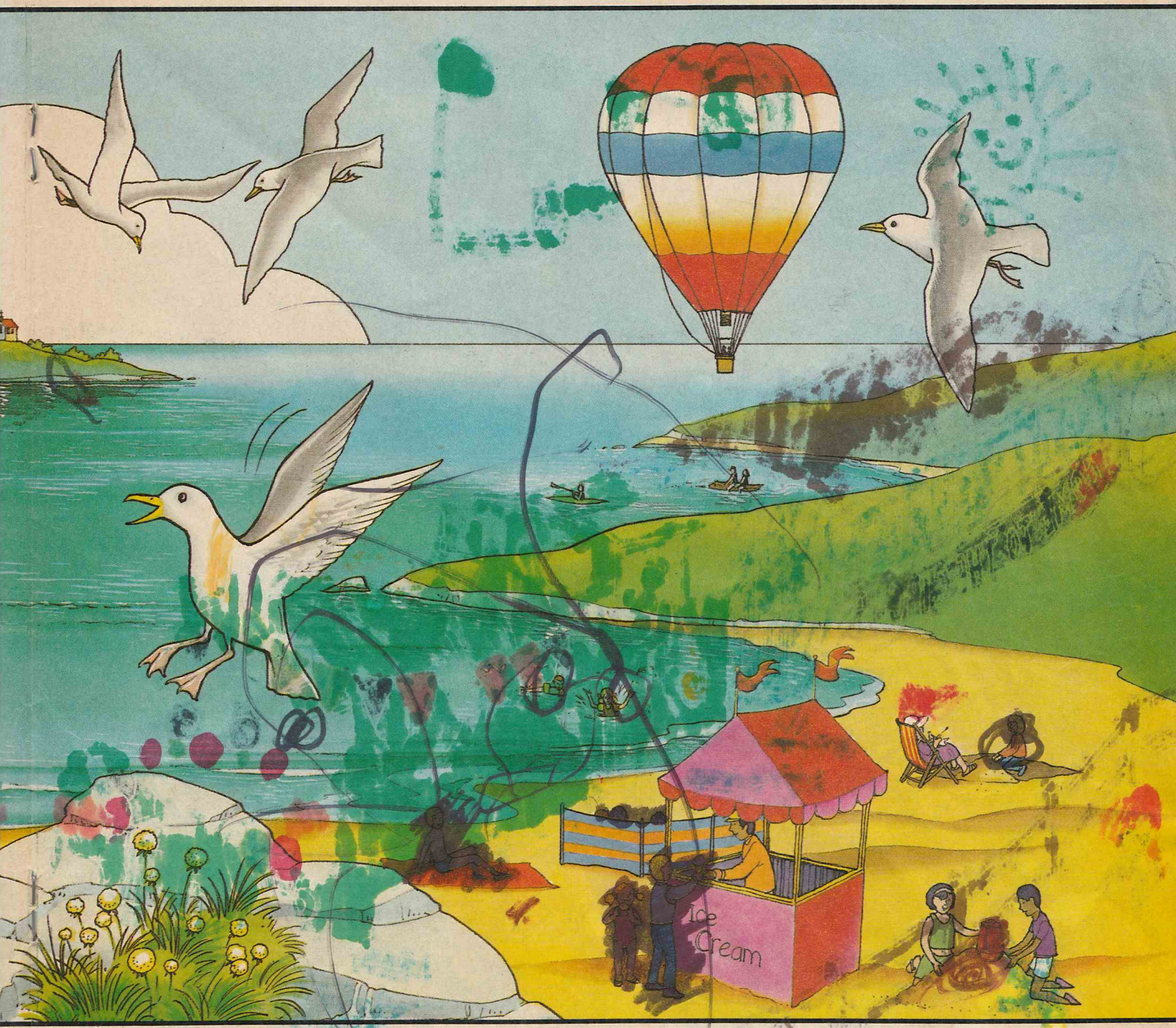

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In our next issue: Past the campsite

COLOURING TIME!

**Percy's face has been specially painted for you.
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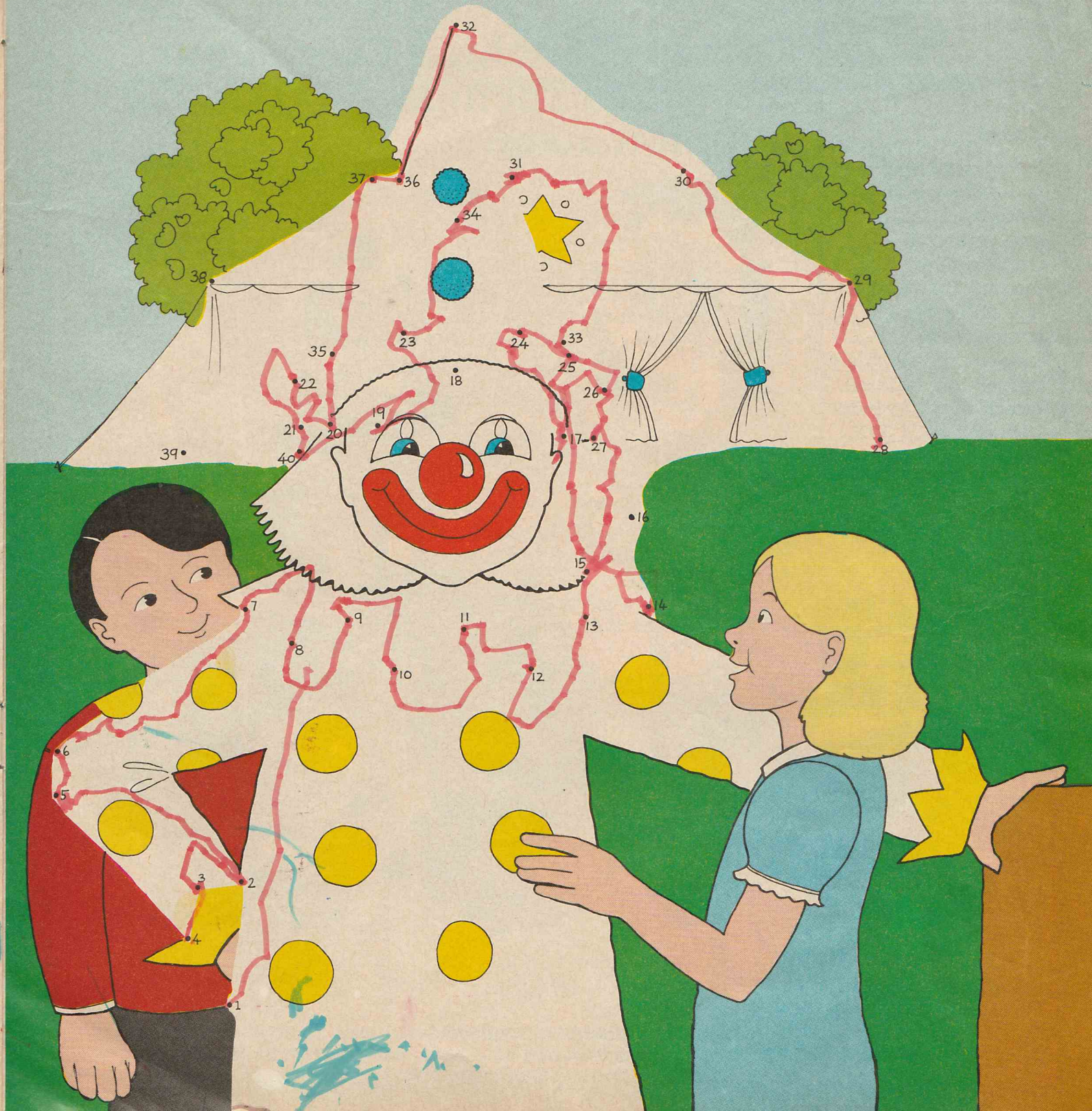
JOIN THE DOTS!

A friendly face! Who can it be?
Join the dots and you will see!



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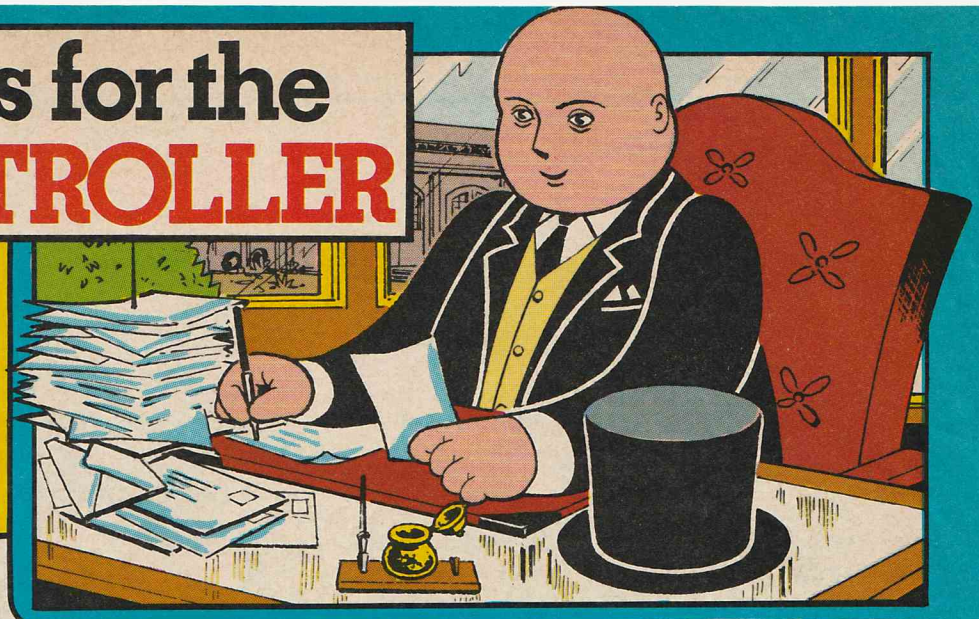

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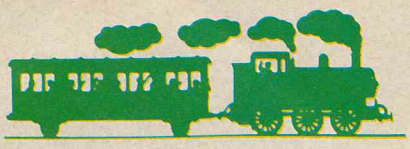

STAR LETTER!

Dear Fat Controller,
On the way to my Nan's house in Old Harlow, we saw a Traction engine like Trevor. Daddy stopped so I could say hello. I was very happy to see Trevor!

Love from **Craig Clarke**, aged 2.

I'm sure Trevor was very happy to see you too! He is one of the friendliest engines on my railway and he enjoys making new friends!

The sender of any letter that is printed as our **STAR LETTER** will win some splendid **Thomas Pre-school** toys courtesy of *ERTL (UK) Ltd.*

HAPPY DAY!

Dear Fat Controller,
I like the story about Thomas at the flower festival, because Thomas was really happy that the gardener had made a flower display out of him. It made him feel really special.

love from **Jack Jones**, aged 2.

Yes indeed! We all had a very happy day at Elsbridge Station Festival. Thomas would never have imagined that the gardeners would have planted their flowers in the shape of a tank engine.

HELPFUL ENGINE!

Dear Fat Controller,
We went to see a special steam train but the engine cinders made the grass catch fire and the fire engine had to come. Have you got a fire engine on the Island of Sodor?

Love from **Sam Osborn**, aged 5.

I have a very reliable fire engine service but I also ask Terence the Tractor to plough furrows to stop fires from spreading!

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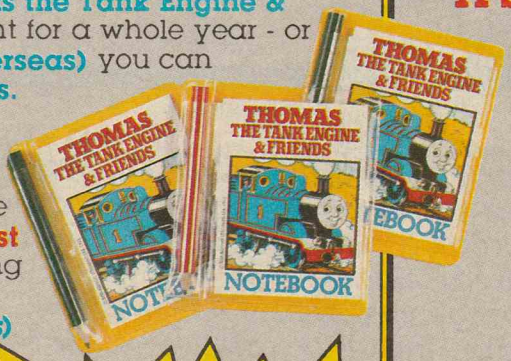

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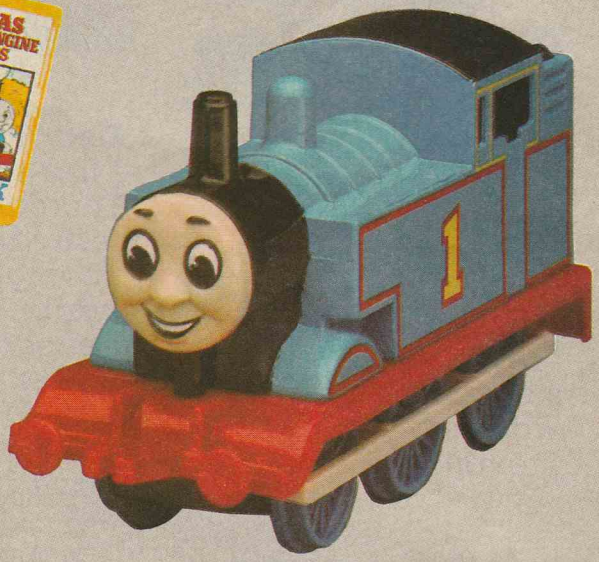

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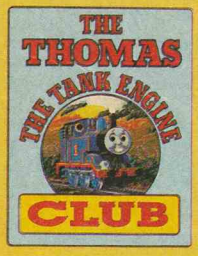

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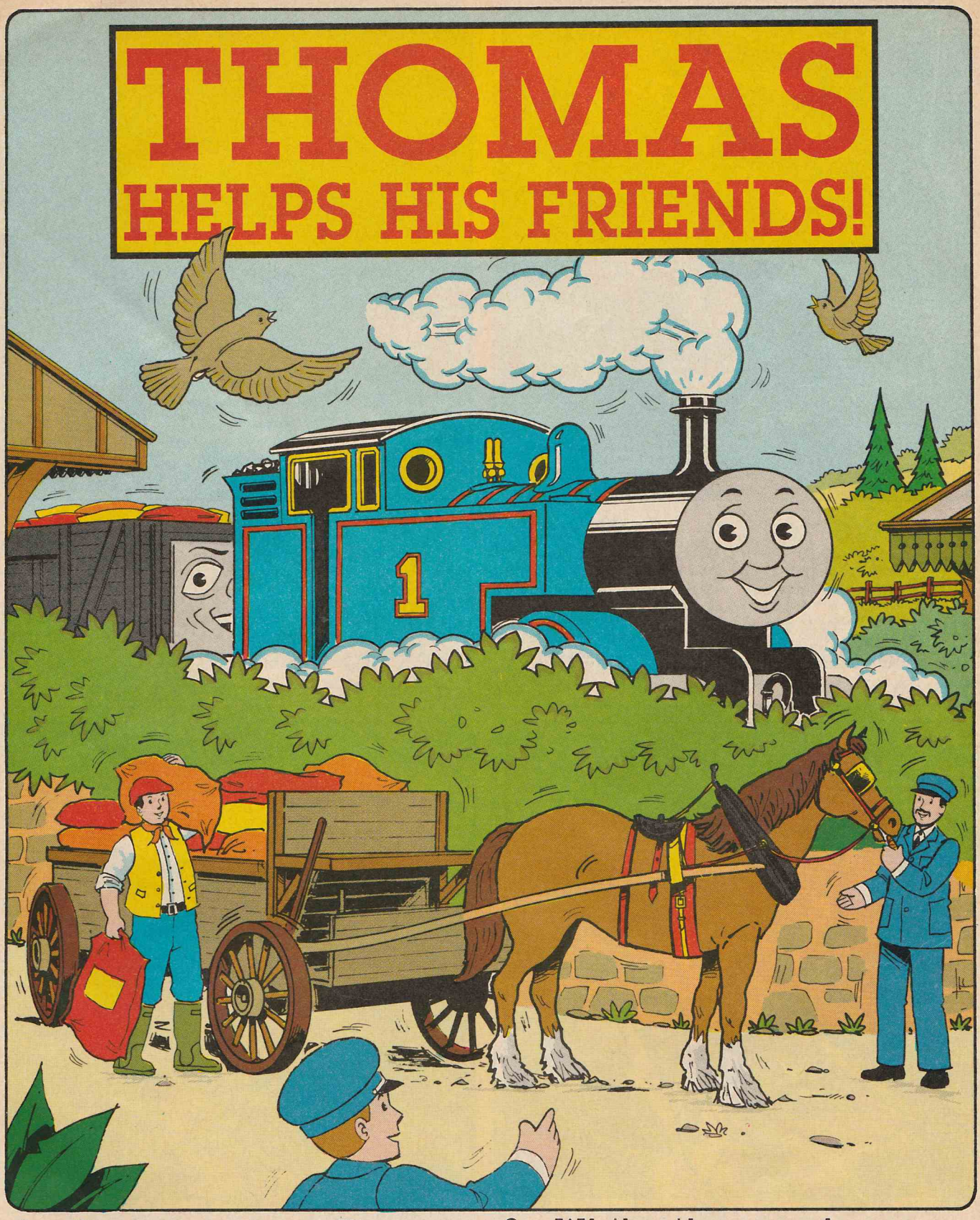
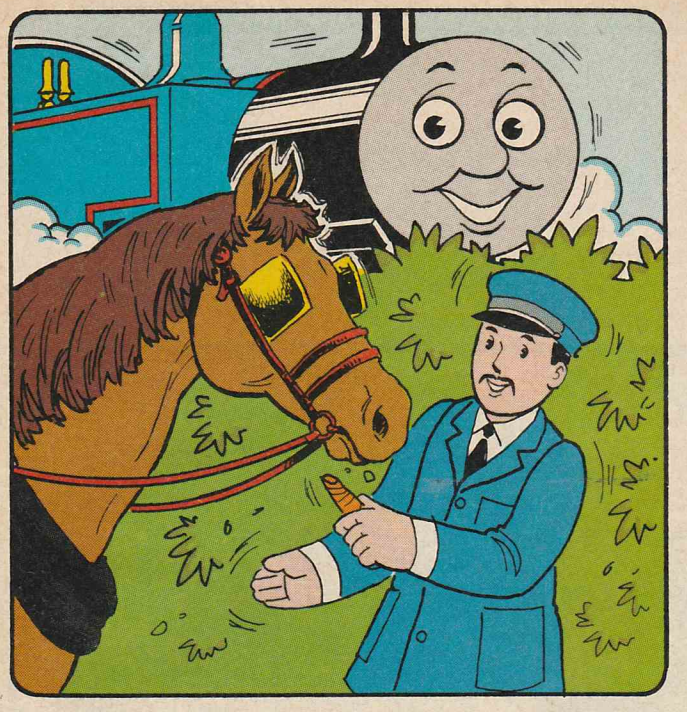


1. One morning, Thomas arrived at a station on his branch line with some supplies for a nearby farm. The farmer waited with his horse and cart.

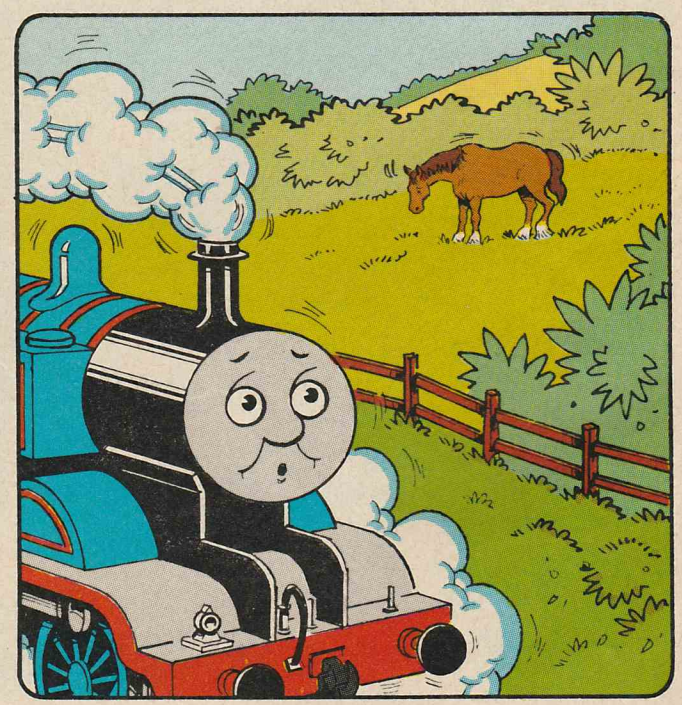
2. While the goods were unloaded from Thomas's truck and lifted into the cart, Thomas's driver took a carrot from his lunchbox and fed it to the horse.



3. "There you are, Ned!" said the driver. "Thomas and I always bring you a tasty treat, don't we!" Thomas liked to see Ned. "He's my friend!" he said.

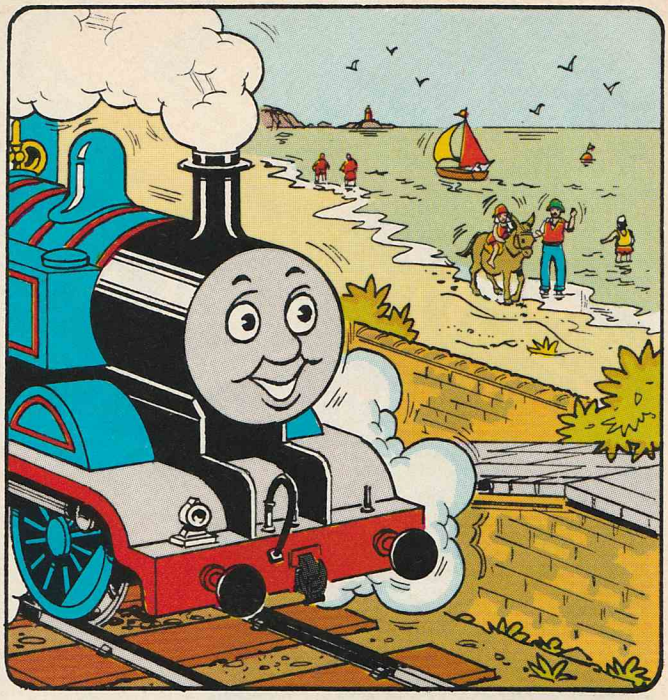
4. The horse munched the carrot and then whinnied loudly. "He's saying thank you!" laughed Thomas. "He likes to see us too!" The farmer had some sad news.

5. "Ned is getting too old to work," he said. "He won't be able to come to the station again!" The farmer explained he had bought a van to use, instead.

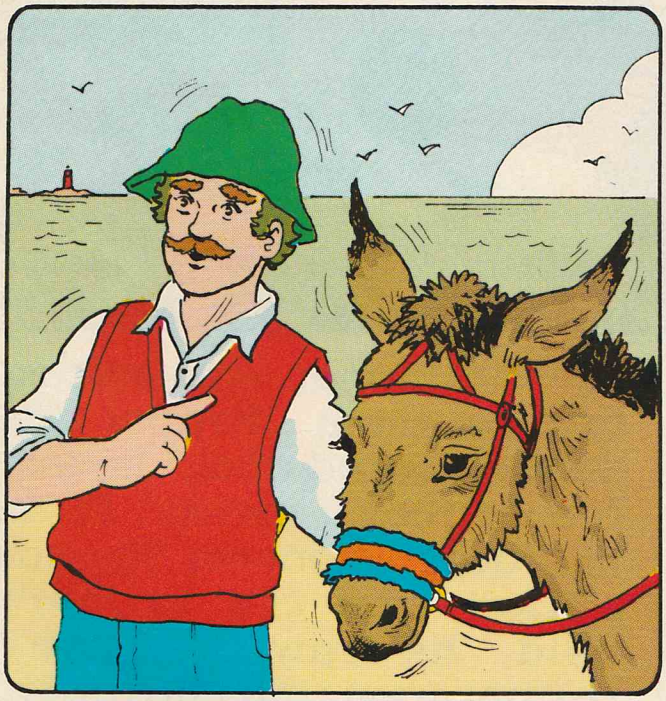


6. Thomas was shocked but he thought Ned would enjoy having a rest. Next day, Thomas returned with extra supplies. Ned was standing in a field by the track.

7. Thomas thought that Ned looked sad and lonely. The farmer was at the station with his new van. "Poor Ned is off his food!" he told Thomas's driver.

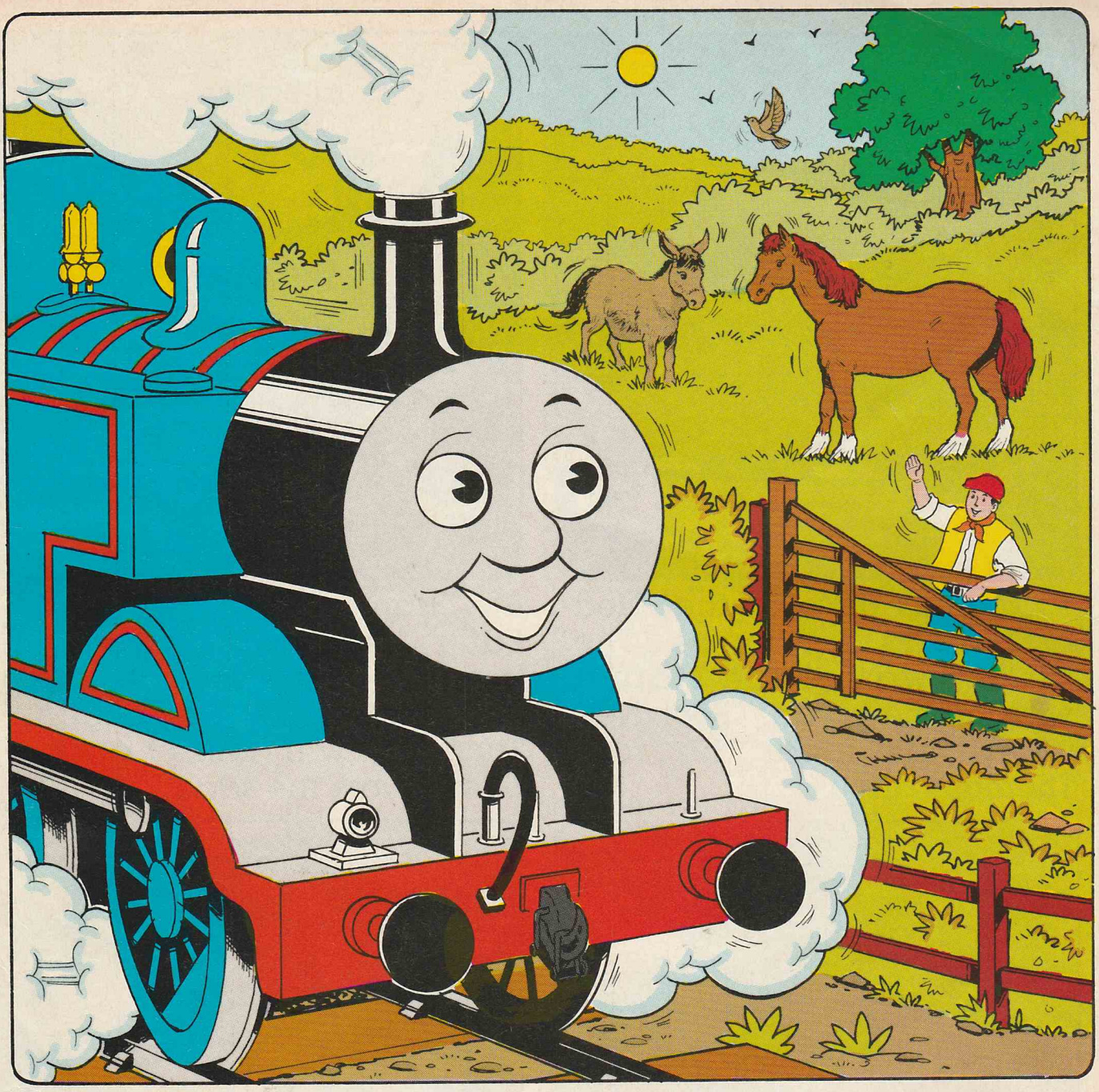


8. Thomas was worried. Later, he took a passenger train on to the seaside line. At a station by the beach, Thomas saw a donkey giving rides across the sand.



9. "Pepper likes carrying children!" said Thomas, who knew the donkey. Pepper's owner called to the driver while Thomas waited to pick up some passengers.

10. "It's time old Pepper and I retired!" said the owner. "Pepper needs a good home in the country!" That evening, Thomas's driver spoke to the Fat Controller.



11. Thomas's driver told him all about Pepper and Ned. "Perhaps, Sir, Pepper could go and live at the farm with Ned!" said the driver. The Fat Controller rang the farmer who thought it was a grand idea. Next morning, Thomas collected Pepper and his owner. He took them to the station near Ned's field.

12. The farmer was waiting to meet them. "Pepper will be well looked after," he told the donkey's owner. From that day, whenever Thomas puffed past the farmer's field, he saw Ned and Pepper grazing happily. "They like each other's company!" said Thomas. "Making Ned happy has made me happy too!"

THE END!

In our next issue: Thomas off the track!